

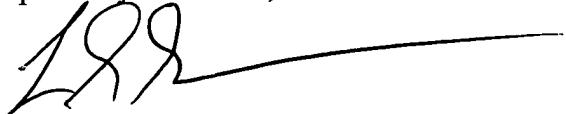
## REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested. Applicants observe that the Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims directed to the alleged patentably distinct species and thus requires that the applicants elect a single claimed species based upon the composition of the pyrotechnic composition.

As indicated, and in order to be fully responsive to the Species Restriction Requirement imposed in the present Official Action, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, to prosecute the subject matter in which the pyrotechnic composition is one including C<sub>8</sub>(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>8</sub> as the fluorinated spherical, carbocyclic cage molecule and Mg as the halophilic metal. Applicants respectfully observe that Claims 1-5 and 9-10 are readable upon the elected species. Applicants submit that Claim 1 is generic and, as such, reserve their right to have the non-elected species rejoined in the present application if generic Claim 1 is found to be allowable. Applicants note that all of the fluorinated spherical, carbocyclic cage molecules, which are used in the claimed invention as an oxidizer, are linked in that they each inherently have a low enthalpy of formation and a high reactivity.

Wherefore, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

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